(c) Salary paid to the employees of IDPL in the last 4 years is given below:

Year	Rs. in crores
1996-97	56.46
1997-98	60.20
1998-99	66.33
1999-2000	69.33

(d) Reasons for sickness of IDPL as identified by the Industrial Development Bank of India, which carried out a study are given in the statement (*See* below). The future of the company would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Statement

Reasons identified by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Mumbai for sickness of IDPL:

- ã Incidence of social objectives
- ã Emphasis on formulations for sales to institutional market
- ã Manufacture of bulk drugs from basic stages
- ã Inadequate emphasis on sales of formulations to the trade market
- ã Most products being under price control
- ã High employment costs
- ã Incidence of policy change with regard to import of bulk drugs
- ã High interest burden
- ã Decline in budgetary support
- ã Inherited second rate technology
- ã Inadequacies, particularly in the centralized utilities and services and locations disadvantages.

Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims

5038. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rehabilitation of all the Bhopal Gas Victims has been completed;

(b) if not, the present status thereof and;

(c) the number of programmes declared by Government so far for the benefit of those victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing an Action Plan for the medical, economic, social and environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims which includes construction of hospitals, houses, training programmes etc. for them. According to the information sent by the State Government, all the Schemes have not been completed. Work pertaining to supply of equipment to hospitals and provision of drinking water is in progress.

Rate of gas supply to Reliance Ltd.

5039. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agreement with M/s. Reliance Ltd. for supply of gas for constructing gas cracker unit in Tengakhat of Assam;

(b) what are the reasons for agreeing to supply gas to Reliance Ltd. at the rate of Rs. 600.00 per 1000 standard cubic meter, when the same amount of gas is supplied to other industries at Rs. 1700.00 or more; and

(c) whether the Ministry would decide to supply gas to other gas based industries like APL, HFC units at Namrup and power industries of Assam, at the same rate as agreed upon with Reliance Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) was issued a Letter of Intent (LOI) on 25.01.1991 for setting up a Gas Cracker Complex with a capacity of 3 lakh tpa of Ethylene. A joint venture company, Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. (RAPL) has been incorporated for the implementation of the project.

With view to making the Assam Gas Cracker Project viable and to offset the locational disadvantages, Government had agreed to supply gas at a concessional rate of Rs. 600/- per thousand standard cubic metre. RAPL and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) have initialled the agreed clauses of the Gas Supply Agreement on March 14, 2000. However, some issues are currently under negotiation between RAPL and OIL.